

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed June 30, 2008. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 11-20 were pending in this Application. The Office Action set forth an election/restriction requirement of the claimed species between:

- a. Figure 1, and
- b. Figure 20.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute the species of Figure 20. Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect claims 11-19 to be examined which read upon the current elected species. Applicants withdraw claim 20 without prejudice or disclaimer and submit that the withdrawn claims are subject to the filing of a divisional application if no generic claim is finally held allowable. Currently claim 11 is considered to be generic by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the elected species and claims 11-19 and favorable action in this case.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants enclose an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449, with copies of the references for the Examiner's review and consideration.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance in light of the amendments and remarks set forth above. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$180 and any additional fees necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0359 of ArthroCare Corporation in order to effectuate this filing.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.358.5925.

Respectfully submitted
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